

THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

Happy New Year! This January, we begin a new year and a new decade. With that, many vital projects are in the works. As usual, we are working closely with regional organizations such as the Greater Nashville Regional Council, Regional Transportation Authority and Mid Cumberland Human Resource Agency to ensure that our citizens are receiving the services they need on a regional level.

We began 2019 with many goals for our county, and we are working towards furthering these goals in 2020. One goal was to expand our services to senior citizens countywide and inform our seniors on the assistance available to them. This year, we are developing a program called "Wilson Volunteers." Wilson Volunteers is a new program that helps seniors stay active. Many people in our county have retired and are looking for a way to contribute back to society. Wilson Volunteers will create an active volunteer community that gives back and enriches the lives of people who serve and helps those in need.

We are also pursuing our goals with the Wilson County Homeless Coalition and Drug Free WilCo, which were facilitated by the Office of the County Mayor in 2018. These programs are composed of concerned citizens that seek to make a stand against serious issues in our community. We continue our support for these groups in their contributions to our community.

I am looking forward to all that 2020 has to offer us. We are excited to serve our citizens and continue making Wilson County the place to be in 2020!

Randal Huth

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MAYOR HUTTO'S OPEN HOUSE

Mayor Hutto held his annual Christmas Open House on December 5, 2019. The evening is one for food, fun and fellowship. Government officials, employees, business leaders and residents from all over Wilson County attend. We send a very special thank you to all of those that organized the event, and to all who were in attendance.











Commissioner Spotlight: Dan Walker **District 10**



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Wilson County

LANDFILL WINTER **HOURS**

OCTOBER - MARCH MONDAY - FRIDAY: 7AM - 3PM **CLOSED SATURDAY**

Count Me Wilson!

Wilson County has formed a committee to get a complete count of our residents for the 2020 Census. Census counts are completed every 10 years and the data forms the basis for federal funding which supports county education, roads, and healthcare along with many other benefits to our residents. The committee will form a speaker panel which includes a representative from the US Census Department. Speakers are available to speak to groups about why the Census is important and how it will be completed. Every household will receive an invitation to complete the census between mid-March and the end of July regarding where each person resides on April 1st. Thus, April 1st is Census Day! The census can be completed on a paper form, online, or by phone available in 13 languages. The US Census Bureau is still hiring. Call 1-855-JOB-2020 to apply. Wilson County is sharing information on Facebook @CountMeWilson. Also, look for Public Service Announcements on the Wilson County website and on Mayor Hutto's Facebook page in February. counted and help Wilson County shape our future!

WE CAN

APPLY ONLINE! 2020census.gov/jobs

2020 Census jobs provide:

- ✓ Great pay
- √ Flexible hours
- √ Weekly pay
- √ Paid training

For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020

1-800-877-8339 TTY/ASCII www.gsa.gov/fedrelay

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer





Sue Finnigan Retires

Sue Finnigan retired December 31, 2019, after fortyfour years of service to Wilson County. Ms. Sue began her career in the Clerk & Master Office on January 1, 1975. We thank Ms. Sue for her years of dedicated service and congratulate this her on milestone. We wish her the best of luck and a Happy Retirement!

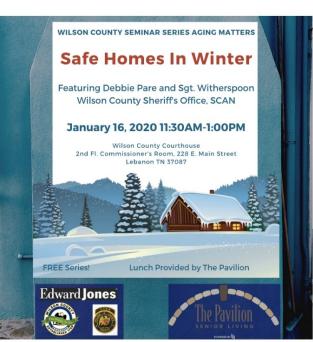


Sue Finnigan as she is presented with an award for her years of service on December 31, 2019.

Wilson County Seminar Series: Aging Matters

Wilson County's Aging Matters program is a seminar lunch and learn lecture series. These seminars aim to educate our aging community on a variety of topics that affect seniors and also inform seniors of the resources available to them. Anyone who wants more information on these topics are welcome to join! Wilson County works closely with Edward Jones and The Pavilion to present the series at no cost to attendees. Our upcoming seminar topic, "Safe Homes in Winter," will be held on Thursday, January 16th from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at the Wilson County Courthouse. The program will feature guest speakers, Debbie Pare and Sgt. Witherspoon from the Wilson County Sheriff's Office and S.C.A.N. Lunch will be provided by The Pavilion. Up-coming seminars will be held every other month. For more information on Aging Matters, please visit our website at www.wilsoncountytn.gov.





Wilson County HR NEWS

Human Resources is doing a monthly employee giveaway. We have several fun items for you to pick from. All Wilson County Employees will have a chance to win during their anniversary month. Please contact HR at 615-466-5138 to claim your prize.

January Winners

Michelle Muschler Finance Department

Gayle Gannaway
Trustee's Office

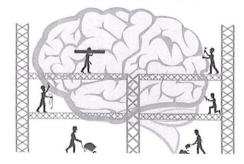
Elizabeth Baker Health Department

ACES TRAINING

SPONSORED BY KIWANIS CLUB OF LEBANON, TN

BUILDING STRONG BRAINS

TENNESSEE'S ACEs INITIATIVE



Presented by Wilson County CASA and Brittany Ash

Please join us for lunch and learn how you can help grow Wilson County as a trauma informed community!

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are stressful or traumatic experiences such as abuse, neglect and family dysfunction. They disrupt the architecture of the developing brain and can lead to long-term challenges in health and behavior.

Safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments build strong brain architecture that supports all future learning, behavior and health.

The future prosperity of all Tennesseans depends on the investments we make in children today.

Free and open to the public.
Training is just one and a half hours.
Please sign up via Eventbrite and select
just ONE date to attend:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/83885813727 LUNCH is provided!

First Tuesday of Every Month 11:30am-1:00pm CASA Office 111 Castle Heights Dr., Lebanon, TN



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The First Certified County Finance Officers Graduate

submitted by Joe Goode. Finance Department Executive Assistant

The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury awarded the first Certified County Finance Officer (CCFO) certifications to the following Wilson County Finance Department employees: **Debbie Fischer, Joe Goode, Labraunya Horton, Aaron Maynard, and Holly Taylor**.

The inaugural ceremony was held at the War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee, Tuesday December 10, 2019. This certification recognizes financial professionals who have increased their knowledge in accounting and financial reporting principles while gaining an increased understanding of how county governments are structured in Tennessee. Graduates from this program carry new enhanced skills into the workplace and to their responsibilities for the fiscal affairs of their county or department. The University of Tennessee County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) sponsors the CCFO program that was conducted throughout the state this year. The first graduating class of 2019 consisted of approximately 190 graduates. Candidates are required to successfully complete and pass eleven core courses to be awarded a certificate. The classes covered key county government subjects that included: County Budgeting, Purchasing, Debt Management, Risk Management, Internal Controls, Auditing, Government Accounting and Financial Reporting. To maintain certifications, 16 hours of professional education (CPE) must be completed annually.

Finance Director Aaron Maynard encouraged County Finance Department employees to participate in the CCFO program as an opportunity to gain a broader understanding of County Government and increase their knowledge of financial reporting.

Congratulations to our graduates! We're so proud of your accomplishments. We appreciate your willingness to complete such a rigorous program keeping Wilson County up to date on the latest state financial requirements. We appreciate the wonderful service you provide to our Wilson County residents.



Pictured left to right standing: Joe Goode, Debbie Fischer, Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto Pictured left to right seated: Aaron Maynard, Labraunya Horton, Holly Taylor

Wilson County Christmas for All

Wilson County Christmas for All distributes toys to children in need across central and eastern Wilson County. The organization has been known for providing toys for nearly 2,000 children.

December 2019 was no exception, as the final numbers confirmed that an estimated 2,060 children across Wilson County were served this Christmas. We send a BIG thank you to all of those who worked so hard to help children in need enjoy the Christmas Season.



Pictured left to right: Randall Hutto-Wilson County Mayor, Robert Bryan-Wilson County Sheriff, Brian Fountain-Lebanon Fire Department Captain, Alan Ricketts-Wilson County Christmas for All President, Bernie Ash-Lebanon Mayor.

December 3 - Tullahoma
December 6 - Mt. Juliet
December 13 - Hendersonville
January 17 - Beech
January 21 - Portland

January 31 - Wilson Central
Feburary 4 - Station Camp
February 7 - Gallatin

Submitted

Wilson County Television is proud to replay select LHS home basketball games on our channel.

LHS vs Mt. Juliet is brought to you by:



Member FDIC



LHS games played on Tuesday will be replayed on Wednesday starting at 6pm.

LHS games played on Friday will be replayed on Saturday starting at 11am.



Annette is proud to support LHS basketball

Annette Stafford (615) 593-4969 AnnetteStafford324@gmail.com





& StateFarm

Kay Maynard (615) 784-4171 1712 West Main Street Lebanon

Clark Boyd (615) 444-8111 307 West Main Street



Clark & Kay are proud to support LHS basketball





Your Local American Job Center is here to help!

Hiring Event

January 13th and February 10th

2nd Monday of the Month

9 AM - 1 PM

At the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT)
415 Tennessee Blvd. Lebanon, TN 37087
615-444-9355

The American Job Center provides the following services:

- Jobs4tn.gov registration assistance
- Resource room with computers, internet, telephones & fax machine
- Daily and monthly Hiring Events
- Variety of training and certification programs
- Re-employment services
- Veterans services

Business Services / Veterans Services

Priority of service is given to Veterans and their eligible spouses who meet certain eligibility requirements.

In order to utilize any of our services, we ask that you register on Jobs4TN.gov





Wilson Co. Area 27 Trousdale Co.







Jimmy Floyd Family Center February 1, 2020

Registration 9:00 AM

Plunge 10:00 AM

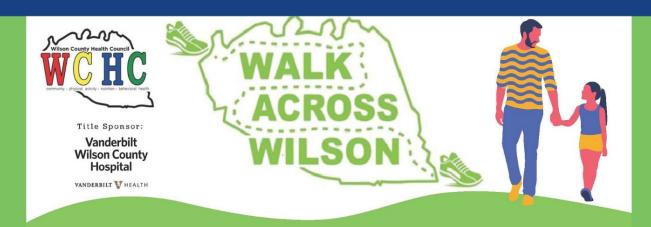
polarplungetn.com

It only takes a few minutes of bravery to get wet, be wild and have some crazy cold fun!



We'll understand if you decide not to plunge, donations also accepted.

For more event information contact George Walker. 615.547.1213



SAVE THE DATE

Kick-Off Event Saturday February 1st

Walk will begin at 8:00am and conclude at the Wilson County Courthouse

Finale Celebration Saturday March 21st

9:00am at Wilson County Board of Education (Old Lebanon High School)

Calling all organizations, churches, and schools!

Form a team and get active from 2/2-2/29

Facebook Walk Across Wilson Like

Or contact 615-444-5325 ext. 1014 for more information

ALL COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 20, 2020 IN OBSERVANCE OF **MARTIN LUTHER** KING, JR. DAY.

Happy New Year from all of us here at the County Mayor's Office!

